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FLUIDITY)

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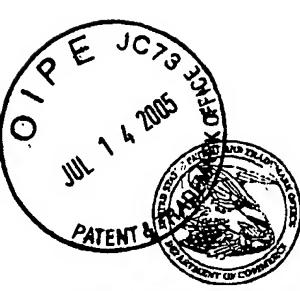
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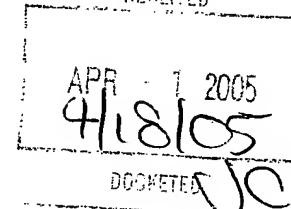
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

“FOOD FOR IMPROVING BLOOD FLOW FLUIDITY”

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A composition for improving blood fluidity, comprising a proanthocyanidin as an active component.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition improves blood cell fluidity.
3. (Currently Amended) The composition for improving blood fluidity of claim 1 or 2, further comprising ascorbic acid or a derivative thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) The composition for improving blood fluidity of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the proanthocyanidin comprises at least 20 wt% of OPC (oligomeric proanthocyanidin).
5. (Original) A beverage comprising a proanthocyanidin and ascorbic acid or a derivative thereof.
6. (Original) The beverage of claim 5, wherein the proanthocyanidin and the ascorbic acid or derivative thereof are contained at a weight ratio of 1:0.1 to 1:500.
7. (Currently Amended) The beverage of claim 5 or 6, wherein the proanthocyanidin is contained in the beverage in a concentration of 1 mg/L or more.

8. (Currently Amended) The beverage of ~~any one of claims 5 to 7~~ claim 5, wherein the beverage is a tea drink.

9. (Currently Amended) The beverage of ~~any one of claims 5 to 8~~ claim 5, wherein the beverage has blood fluidity improvement properties.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, the title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. Additionally, claims 3, 4, and 7-9 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

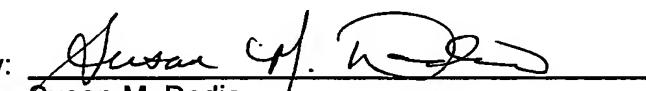
It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the title, and the claims as amended.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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